

REMARKS

The April 4, 2006 Official Action was a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

The Notice said that applicant had canceled claims 12-17; however, these claims were not listed as canceled as part of the claim listing.

Reference is made to page 6 of the amendment, which clearly shows that claims 12-17 are listed as being canceled. Therefore, the stated basis for the amendment being considered non-compliant, is inaccurate.

The above was reviewed with the Examiner having charge of this application on April 12, 2006. At that time, the Examiner agreed that the Notice of Non-Compliance would be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment be withdrawn and that the last amendment be considered.

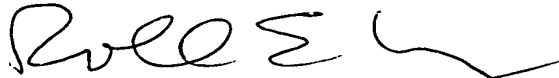
Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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